Making Kirkstall An Even Better Place To Live

"I'm proud to support Hannah as our local Labour councillor. She has consistently prioritised young people and families in our area — backing youth groups and now working with PE partners to create a new toddler group after residents asked for it. She's taken real action on anti-social behaviour too, partnering with schools, the police and residents to reduce ASB and introducing practical measures like physical barriers to tackle nuisance bikes where possible."

Will Coupland
Woodbridges Resident

"I'm really pleased to know that Hannah is standing for another 4 year term to continue representing us with dedication, professionalism, respect for all us, and I hope she continues delivering good results to our community

WE ARE REALLY PROUD OF HER

My vote is for her 100%"

Mr De Sousa
Kirkstall Resident

"I'm writing to share why I'm supporting Councillor Hannah Bithell in the upcoming election.

Cherie Cartwright
St Mary's/St Andrews Foodbank co-ordinator

Hannah is a tireless advocate who always puts her community first. As a parent and a dedicated public servant, she is fully invested in the success of Leeds and the well-being of all its residents. Whether a problem is big or small, Hannah is known for bending over backwards to get things done and helping anyone in need.

Let's keep a truly community-driven leader working for us. Please join me in supporting Hannah Bithell!"

Benches across the ward for folk to sit on.

Funded a Speed Indicator Device on Moor Grange Drive and achieved speeding enforcement on Old Oak Drive.

Got crossing islands installed on Vesper Road and Spen Lane.

Funded daffodil bulbs to brighten verges along Queenswood Drive.

Fought alongside the community to keep Abbey House Museum open and won!

Improvements to double yellow lines to promote safety across the road network.

Secured double the number of green bin collections in Burley, bringing them in line with the rest of the ward.

Dear Under 18ers

I know that you don't get the vote at the moment, so who you have represent you for the next 4 years in this seat is in the hands of other people. That doesn't mean that your opinions don't matter though. I work hard to make sure that you have safe places to hang out and/or play, opportunities for exciting and interesting youth work, that you are safe at city wide events like Pride and that you are given the very best education in school.

I am happy to hear from any of you on any issues that you care about, and how I can make life better for young people across the ward. Lots of you will have met me in schools and community events in the last 8 years and if not I hope to meet you out and about in the next 4 years if I am successful.

Thank you for everything each of you does to make Kirkstall a wonderful place to grow up.

Much love

Hannah

Revd Dr James Barnett
St Matts Church - Burley

"Hannah is compassionate and driven, a rare blend that turns good intentions into real results. She listens deeply, acts thoughtfully, and follows through with energy and purpose. A natural bringer of change, she spots what can be better and mobilizes people to make it happen. She's a true team player—uplifting others, sharing credit, and building trust—yet also a confident self-starter who takes initiative when leadership is needed. Her generosity shows in time, talent, and kindness, and her sense of fun keeps morale high even under pressure. With Hannah, progress feels possible, work feels meaningful, and every challenge becomes an opportunity."

Vote Labour

Re-Elect Hannah Bithell

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I have been a Kirkstall councillor now for 8 years, and in this time I have worked passionately and dedicatedly for residents in our community I am delighted that I have been selected to stand for election again this year and I hope that you can support me with your vote so I can carry on working on behalf of Kirkstall residents for a better city I hope that I have fought on behalf of all residents with the work I have done, from campaigning for better roads, working with funding to improve parks, fighting against prejudice in my equality roles (as the Council's LGBT+ Champion and Obesity Champion) and working as a trustee for local organisations.

I have advocated effectively for hundreds of residents in the last 8 years, solving problems from housing, to schools, to health, and improved infrastructure around signage, benches and road safety. In Kirkstall we have had a lack of community space, during my time as a councillor, I supported the opening of 2 new third sector run community centres and a community farm. I am proud of what we have all achieved together.

I am embedded in the community being a trustee for HOPS and BEAT, chair of governors at Burley St Matthias Primary School, Governor at Hawksworth Wood Primary School, regular visitor to local Rainbow, Brownie and Guide units (feel free to ask me to blast out a campfire song when you see me out and about) and enthusiastic drinker of Americano's at local coffee shops!

I chair one of the Council's Scrutiny Boards and have used this role to

- help people who aren't able to use smart phones or other digital devices,
- make it easier to build affordable housing,
- improve road safety and work towards Leeds' goal of ending death and serious injury on our roads by 2040.

I also have a city-wide role championing educational and career opportunities for young people who are looked after by the Council, or who are in foster care.

Outside of council, I have 2 beautiful adopted children who take up most of my time and energy, once they are asleep though I really enjoy doing nano Lego and playing American Football. I am a qualified teacher and spent 8 years in the classroom before my tiny humans arrived so am really aware of the issues our young people face.

My pledges to you, to continue to:

- be available to support and advocate for you on the issues in your lives that matter to you and your families
- fight for better infrastructure in Kirkstall
- hold developers to account to get the very best outcomes in planning that we can for the ward
- ensure bins, parking and fly tipping are constantly improving

Hannah

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Thursday 7th May

Hannah Bithell

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Making Leeds Better: Fairer, Greener, Safer

Having a Labour Council has always meant, while you may not agree with every decision, we take care of our most vulnerable, support families to thrive and help everyone live better.

Building communities we can all take pride in:

- Creating new teams dedicated to cleaning up our neighbourhoods.
- Investing more money for our communities – whether it is new government funding or creating a council team to unlock funding.

Investing in more police to make our streets safer:

- A named police officer for every neighbourhood in Leeds.
- 100 new neighbourhood police officers on the streets of West Yorkshire under the Neighbourhood Policing Guarantee, with 74 more to come in 2026/7.
- Bringing fly-tipping down by 16% since 2020, with stronger approaches to prosecuting offenders and seizing and crushing their vehicles.

Making Leeds the best and most affordable place to live and work:

- Helping people is at the heart of everything we do. Our household support fund is helping 62,000 households and our community hubs receive 20,000 enquires through the door every month.
- We will make work pay, with new employment rights and working with the largest employers in Leeds to increase the number of workplaces paying the real living wage.
- Free brown bin garden waste collection with plans for an all year round service for more Leeds homes.

Linking up Leeds with better roads and transport:

- Speeding up pothole repairs with modern technology and £13 million of investment in our roads, with more to come.
- Better buses run for people, not profit, with more reliable and easier to use services.

Supporting families so every child has the best start in life:

- Expanding childcare to 30 free hours a week.
- Rolling out free breakfast clubs, saving families £450 a week.
- 15% more family and children support workers for our family hubs across the city.